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## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a residential consumer and senior citizen. I rely on a competitive market in order to obtain internet & phone service.

People like me would benefit from more completion, not less.

Broadband is necessary for me to stay connected to the world but continuing price hikes will limit my ability to obtain these services.

The large providers of phone, internet, cable are already pricing me out of the market.

I also have found that by switching to a smaller provider, my service has improved with uniterrupted service, virtually no problems and effecient customer service. I frequently had problems with a large, corporate company.

Thank you for considering the consumers rather than just the companies that want to monopolize the field.

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